

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DON DAVIDSON

#### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, February 1, 2006*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to introduce Reverend Don Davidson, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, joining us to deliver this morning's prayer. Reverend Davidson is a remarkable man and Christian witness whose vocation has touched the hearts and moved the spirits of countless men and women throughout his three decades of pastoral service.

Born in Suffolk, Virginia, Reverend Davidson earned degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and Southeast Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. His Christian mission has brought him and his equally gifted wife Audrey to pastorates in Farmville, Virginia; Henderson, North Carolina; Orlando, Florida; and Danville, Virginia before being called to the First Baptist Church of Alexandria this past September.

The First Baptist Church has been a place of worship for numerous Members of Congress and their staff throughout its 200-year history. In fact, Reverend Davidson first came to my attention through Darla Tomes, a former member of my staff, who works for the Department of Defense.

Thank you, Reverend Davidson, for being here today to invoke God's divine guidance as we start this Second Session of the 109th Congress. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming you to the House of Representatives.

### CONGRATULATING MR. CHRISTOPHER D. SAPP

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Christopher D. Sapp of McKinney, Texas, for receiving the prestigious Fulbright award to study abroad in Austria during the 2005–2006 academic year. Mr. Sapp was honored with this award for his studies in Germanic languages and literature at Indiana University.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was established in 1946 with the purpose of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world by allowing recipients to study, lecture or conduct research in an international exchange program.

Christopher was selected on the basis of academic achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in his field.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Christopher Sapp on receiving this award and commend his dedication and desire to help his school, community and country.

### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. ARMY MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH J. ANDRES, JR.

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Army Master Sergeant Joseph J. Andres, Jr., who bravely and selflessly heeded the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Family, friends and concern for others lined the journey of Sergeant Andres' life. He gained personal strength and faith from his family and friends, especially his mother and father, Sandra and Joseph J., Sr.; his sisters, Deborah, Pamela, Christine, Maureen and Sharon; his brothers-in-law, David, Edward and William; his grandparents, Walter and Winifred Haders; and, his nieces and nephews, Claire, Brielle, Collin, Ryan, Evan and Brandon.

Sergeant Andres' limitless joy for living, dynamic spirit and expansive heart reflected consistently throughout his life, from childhood on. He was a 1989 graduate of Padua Franciscan High School and studied engineering at the University of Cincinnati before enlisting in the Army. Sergeant Andres' seemingly endless reserve of energy, joy for living and strong foundation of personal faith, equaled his steadfast sense of duty to others and to our country.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Master Sergeant Joseph J. Andres, Jr. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and many friends, especially his parents and sisters. The ultimate sacrifice, significant service and true heart that illuminated the life of Sergeant Andres will shine forever in the hearts and memories of all those who knew him best and loved him most—his family and close friends. Sergeant Andres' legacy of service and courage will be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community and by our entire Nation, today, and for all time.

### HONORING DR. CHARLES GILBERT

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, February 1, 2006*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Charles Gilbert upon his retirement from Western Illinois University. Dr. Gilbert retired January 26 after most recently serving as Director of Institutional Research and Planning.

Since receiving his Ph.D. in Education from Southern Illinois University in 1972, Dr. Gilbert has served as a faculty member at Western Illinois University. He has served as an associate professor, but outside the classroom, his work has focused on research and planning.

Aside from the title which he recently retired, he has held the titles of Associate Director and Assistant Director for Institutional Research and Planning and Project Director, Board of Governors Common Software Project.

Dr. Gilbert has also served as Chairman of the Western Illinois University Council on Planning. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association for Institutional Research and the Mid-Illinois Computer Consortium.

I appreciate Dr. Gilbert's dedication to higher education throughout his career. I join the faculty at Western Illinois University in thanking Dr. Gilbert for his service and congratulate him on a job well done.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF STEVE WALTER

#### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, February 1, 2006*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual in Southeastern North Carolina, Mr. Steve Walter. Mr. Walter passed away on December 21, 2005, just before Christmas, during one of his daily jogs and bicycle rides. However, his spirit and contributions will live on in the hearts and minds of many for generations to come.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Steve went on to serve his country with distinction, dedication and determination. As a graduate of Pennsylvania Military College, Steve served in the military for 28 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He received several honors and awards during his time of service, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Secretary of Defense and Army Staff Identification Badges, Bronze Star with cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with clusters, Joint Service and Army Commendation Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Steve finished his years of service as a strategic planner with the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon and retired as a colonel in 1988.

After Steve retired from military service, he enjoyed a successful real estate career in Maryland and moved to Topsail Island, North Carolina in 1993, where he and his beloved wife of more than 42 years, Patti, have lived ever since. Steve has been an active member of the Topsail Island community. Since moving there, he has been a member of various organizations, including the Sea Turtle Hospital, the Missiles and More Museum, Topsail Island Kiwanis, Topsail Island Realtors, Topsail Beach Shore Protection Committee, and the

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